

"The fiscal year upon which we are now entering promises to be one of prosperity unparalleled in the history of the country. The tendencies toward industrial recovery during the last six months have been so vigorous that the intervention of an important war and a large increase of taxation have scarcely produced any visible check upon business. Everywhere throughout the country the trade feeling is hopeful. Our factories are better employed than at any time since 1892. The export trade is expanding faster than ever, and yet the falling off in imports shows that we are increasing our consumption of home products. The indications of the last two years of foreign trade point to our becoming a great creditor nation. The present splendid crop prospects look to another year of foreign trade corresponding in its results to 1897-8. The country is therefore naturally becoming impressed, as it never was, with a consciousness of its power of wealth, its productive resource and its ability to compete with the great commercial nations. All this must conduce to the creation of a confidence in the business circles that will give a fresh impulse to the productive energies of the nation; and the conclusion of peace will only add to the buoyancy thus in process of development."

Church Notices.

Preaching services at the Methodist church to-morrow—Sunday. Morning discourse, "The Most Useful Grace." Evening discourse, "The Young Man's Resolve." All are cordially invited to attend these services. C. P. Wilson, Pastor.

Sunday, July 31, at the Presbyterian church. At the morning service, the Communion of the Lord's Supper will

be celebrated. In the evening service, the sermon will take the form of a story entitled "The Rise, Reign and Final Overthrow of the Silver Tea Set." All are cordially invited. H. P. Corser, Pastor.

GET YOU READY, EVERYBODY!

Dar's Gwine Ter Be a Minstrel Festival in Dis Yar Ole Town.

A minstrel performance is being prepared by local talent, under the direction of C. Nick Stark, for presentation to a Flagstaff audience at Babbitt's opera house next Friday evening, the 5th inst.

The program is varied and contains much that is original and refreshingly unique.

In the opening part C. Nick Stark appears as interlocutor, while Len Shepardson and George Waterbury will occupy the seats of honor on the ends and perpetrate awful jokes on the audience, being supported in chorus work by fifteen vocalists. Mr. Frank Doherty will act as accompanist.

Mr. Stark is giving his entire attention to the matter of a first-class minstrel performance, and says the boys are taking hold of the rehearsals in good earnest. The local orchestra will intersperse with musical selections.

C. Nick Stark will give for the first time in our city his famous selection, "The Other One Was Booth."

Nothing but strictly refined humor and comedy will be allowed on the boards, and all that can be brought together in the way of the best local talent will be in evidence for the occasion. An evening of refined mirth, music and real merit. Popular prices will prevail. General admission, 50c.; children, 25c.; reserved seats, 75c.

You will find our job work up to date.